



The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

MINI NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2019

NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter:

David Wright	-	Henley
Fergus Burnett	-	Bromley
Keith Ragg	-	St.Albans
Francis Sancisi	-	Uxbridge
Mike Murray	-	Uxbridge

'LOST' MEMBERS

Surely someone must know the whereabouts of one of the 'lost' members below. If so please let the Hon. Sec know asap, thank you:

Alf Barker, John Barton,
John Grieve, Tim Higginson,
Peter Jones, Robert McIntosh,
Geoffrey Mortimer,
Aubrey Smith.

Notice is hereby given that the 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

will take place at
COLETS HEALTH & FITNESS
St. Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0PW
on **SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2019** (approx. 3pm)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of 55th AGM Minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Approval of 2018 Accounts
5. Chairman's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Any other business

Please note: All current Club Officers have agreed to stand for re-election. Any nominations for Club Officers, points for 'any other business' and apologies for absence to the Hon. Sec at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Nigel Belle, Hon. Secretary
17th February 2019

ERIC CRUTTENDEN

It is with much sadness that we report that Eric Cruttenden died, peacefully, at home on December 13th aged 88. Eric, a member of the GB Vets since 1975, was one of squash's greatest stalwarts. A former England player, level 3 coach, tournament grade referee, tournament organiser and Team England Manager he was at the forefront of starting and organising Masters Squash at National and local level. He managed and organised the England Masters team from 1985 to 2004. He joined England Squash (formerly the SRA) in 1990 and retired in 2006. He will be greatly missed.

Anyone who has a copy of our 50th Anniversary Book '50 Years On' will find an excellent article on Eric on page 52.

2019 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS WEEKEND 30/31 MARCH

Don't forget the finals weekend at Colets. Semi Finals on the Saturday and Finals on the Sunday followed by the AGM, Presentation of prizes and free buffet supper. Do come along, enjoy the squash and meet up with 'old' friends.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

North West Regional	Grove Park	29/31 March
Allam British Open	Hull	20/26 May
European Masters	Vienna, Austria	21/24 August
Festival of Squash	RAC Epsom	3rd November

RECORD
7 WINNERS

BRITISH NATIONAL MASTERS

NOTTINGHAM
12/17 FEBRUARY



O55

Mandy Akin



O60

Karen Hume



O55

Mark Woodliffe



O65

Stephen Johnson



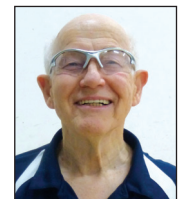
O70

Howard Cherlin



O75

Adrian Wright



O80

Vinnie Taylor

6 RUNNERS UP

MO40 Jamie Goodrich, MO65 Geoff Redfern, MO70 Phil Ayton, MO75 Mike Clemson, MO80 Lance Kinder, WO65 Bett Dryhurst

FULL REPORT AND PICTURES CAN BE FOUND ON THE GB VETS WEBSITE:

www.gbvs.co.uk and on the England Squash Masters website: www.englishsquashmasters.co.uk



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SOUTH REGIONAL

WEST WORTHING 11/13 January 2019

6 WINNERS

MO55 Eamonn Price
MO65 Geoff Redfern
MO70 Larry Grover
MO75 Adrian Wright
WO50 Bev Vatcher
WO60 Sue Pynegar

7 FINALISTS

MO35 Jamie Goodrich
MO45 Jonathan Gliddon
MO50 Andrew Murray
MO65 John Goodrich
MO70 Howard Cherlin
WO55 Sarah Howlett
WO60 Lynne Davies

EAST REGIONAL

EAST ANGLIA 14/16 December 2018

7 WINNERS

MO35 Jamie Goodrich
MO50 Steve McLoughlin
MO55 Eamonn Price
MO70 Larry Grover
WO35/40 Keeley Johnson
WO50 Rachel Woolford
WO55 Lesley Sturgess

3 FINALISTS

MO55 Darren Withey
MO60 Ian Bradburn
MO70 Mike Clemson

JESTERS TROPHY

RAC PALL MALL 2/4 February 2019



O55 Vintage Winner
Eamonn Price (left)

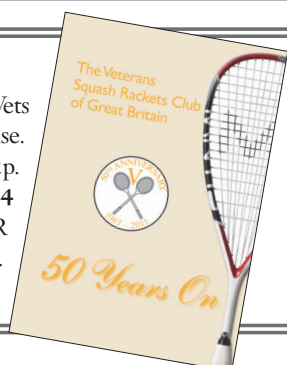


O60 Venerables Winner
Rik Boxer (right)

GB Vets also competed: Nigel Belle, Graham Chambers, Nick Dart, Bryan Francis, Chris Goodbourn, Tony Hulse, Jeremy Krzysystniak, Chris Lowry, Andrew Lowenthal, Maurice Lyons, Laurence Molke, Harry Parkes, Roger Sulley, Aubrey Waddy.

ANNIVERSARY BOOK

This magnificent record of the GB Vets '50 Years On' is still available to purchase. You can buy it now for just £10 inc p&p. Order from Nigel Belle 01959 565444 OR email belles@waitrose.com OR purchase from any Committee member. Pay options available.



'FRIENDLY' MATCH RESULTS

BROMLEY CC 26TH NOVEMBER 2018 WON 20pts/16

Another successful doubles match against BCC – great hosts but vitally a first win for the GB Vets! Match of the match was between the No.1 pairs with Fergus Burnett and Darren Beavers squeezing over the line 15/14 in the final game. GB Vets players: The Andy's Bonner & Davies, Karen Hume & Mandy Akin, Nigel Belle & Robert Smith. BCC GB Vets players: Dan Sweeney, Alan Leffen & Steve Pusey, Paul Roberts & Brian Butterworth, Ali McMecken & Ray Lanagan.

CAMBERLEY 29th NOVEMBER 2018 LOST 2/3

A good start going 2/0 up through Bryan Francis beating fellow GB Vet Ed Woods and Graham Chambers beating fellow GB Vet John Woodliffe. However Ash Chakraborty and Alan Boulden (playing fellow GB Vet Dave Smith) both lost to younger, fitter opponents 3/1 so 2/2. New member, Steve Wright having gone 2/1 up then sustained a hamstring injury and had to retire. So a win to Camberley.

ROEHAMPTON 10th JANUARY 2019 WON 3/2

In a close match our 'younger' GB Vets won at the top of the order whereas our 'older' ones went down fighting at the lower end so 2/2. Unfortunately the Roehampton No.2 did not show so we won 3/2. However our No.2 Dave Smith played several games with other team members so he enjoyed a good work out! New member Francis Sancisi won convincingly at No.1 as did Ash Chakraborty at No.3 whilst Graham Chambers and the doubles legends of Woodliffe & Kinder lost. A great evening was had by all.

Full reports and pictures on all matches can be found on the GB Vets website.

FITZWILLIAM REPORT

The GB VETS were welcomed to Dublin for the annual fixture against Fitzwilliam club. Timed to coincide with the England Ireland rugby international, hopes were high for an England double. Friday nights match got off to an early start to accommodate the later festivities. Bedford Lloyd, Tammy Bennett and Kim Ricks went down to some strong opposition. It was left to Ian Bradburn, Steve Johnson and Steve Jackson to salvage something from the ashes. The two Steve's managed convincing 3/0 victories while Bradders got off to a slow start, but he then picked up the pace and ran out an easy 3/1 winner. So honours even, 3/3, but a moral victory to GB VETS in that the games score was 12/10 in our favour!

Clearly our training the night before had not been of the right type and we must take lessons from the hardy northerners messrs Bradburn and Johnson, who though perhaps a little jaded, still managed impressive 3/1 and 3/0 victories at 1 and 2. We shall draw a discreet veil over numbers 3, 4 and 5 while Tammy did appear to be upright and managed to put up some kind of performance in going down 3/1.

Of course we were duly rewarded with a crushing England Rugby victory, unlike ours which ended with a whimper and a 7/5 overall defeat. However, in consolation we were rewarded by our superb hosts who ensured we were treated royally, culminating in a superb dinner on Saturday evening where they presented themselves with the trophy! Next time boys and girls.....

Steve Jackson

A full report and picture can be found on our website